

In the claims:

1. (currently amended) A fire alarm (1) comprising a flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4) for installation in a ceiling, a base (1.5) connected with the flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4), a fire alarm insert (1.1) connected to the base (1.5) and carrying a radiation receiver (1.2) and a radiation transmitter (1.3) which are spaced from one another, a covering cap (3), and a sheet (2, 2.1) having a color substantially corresponding to a color of the ceiling, spaced from the base (1.5) and located between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1) to cover the fire alarm insert (1.1), wherein the covering cap (3) has a recess into which the sheet (2, 2.1) is inserted, and wherein the covering cap (3) is transparent to expose athe color of the sheet (2, 2.1).

Claim 2 cancelled.

3. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) is convex in shape.

4. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) has a mat finish, at least in some areas.

5. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the covering cap (3) is detachably connectable with the fire alarm insert (1.1) of the fire alarm (1).

6. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the connecting means between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1) are configured as releasable detent elements or as a Velcro closure.

7. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is colored and/or has a pattern on it.

8. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is colored on both sides and/or has a pattern on both sides, different colors and/or patterns being provided for each side of the sheet (2, 2.1).

9. (currently amended) A fire alarm (1) ~~which includes~~comprising a flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4) for installation in a ceiling, a base (1.5) ~~and~~connected with the flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4), a fire alarm insert (1.1) connected to the base (1.5) and carrying a radiation receiver (1.2) and a radiation transmitter (1.3) which are spaced from one another, a covering cap (3), and a sheet (2, 2.1) having a color substantially corresponding to a color of the ceiling, spaced from the base (1.5) and located between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1) to cover the fire alarm insert (1.1), wherein the fire alarm includes a substantially annular faceplate (3.1) which is installed concentrically around the covering cap (3) and is easy to remove.

10. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein the sheet (2, 2.1) is neutral in color and has a surface structure that can be painted in a common ceiling color.

11. (currently amended) An installation set with a fire alarm (1) comprising a flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4) for installation in a ceiling, a base (1.5) connected with the flush-mounted installation outlet (1.4), a fire alarm insert (1.1) carrying a radiation receiver (1.2) and a radiation transmitter (1.3) which are spaced from one another, wherein the installation set includes a covering cap (3) which is detachably connectable to the fire alarm (1), and a set of sheets which includes a plurality of replaceable sheets (2, 2.1) having a color substantially corresponding to a color of the ceiling, spaced from the base (1.5) and located between the covering cap (3) and the fire alarm insert (1.1), wherein the covering cap (3) has a recess into which the sheets (2, 2.1) are inserted, and wherein the covering cap (3) is transparent to expose at the color of the sheets (2, 2.1).

12. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in Claim 1, wherein said transmitter and said receiver are arranged on the insert such that a scattering point is located outside a light scattering smoke detector.

Claim 13 cancelled.

14. (previously presented) The fire alarm as recited in claim 1, wherein the transmitter and the receiver provided on the insert (1.1) extend through the sheet (2, 2.1) to the transparent covering cap (3).